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Students asked to design the future of sustainable power

BY MATTHEW HALL
Daily Press Editor

The Santa Monica Pier is awash in sunshine, bathed by the lapping waves and adjacent to one of California's most environmentally conscious cities … all reasons that organizers of the Land Art Generator Initiative (LAGI) are locating the next round of their sustainable design contest here.

The project asks local students to design a theoretical work of art that could capitalize on the resources available near the Pier. While the contest is only for a hypothetical design, organizers said past contests have sparked real world implementation and the real benefit is to inspire creative thinking in young minds.

LAGI is an educational organization supporting the implementation of sustainable design solutions by integrating art and inter-

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Santa Monica restaurants accused of price-fixing

Owners conspired to add health care surcharges to patrons' bills, suit claims

BY JEFFREY I. GOODMAN
Daily Press Staff Writer

Several acclaimed Santa Monica restaurants with surcharges for employee health care are being accused of price-fixing.

A lawsuit filed this week in Los Angeles County Superior Court alleges that local restaurateurs illegally conspired together when they added 3 percent surcharges to customers' bills last year.

Santa Monica establishments named in the complaint include Rustic Canyon, Huckleberry and Milo and Olive, which are all co-owned by Josh Loeb and Zoe Nathan; Melisse, which is run by chef/owner Josiah Citrin; and The Hungry Cat, which is part of David Lentz's restaurant group.

Also named in the complaint are highly regarded Los Angeles restaurants Animal, AOC, Lucques, Sun of a Gun and Trois Mec.

The class-action suit claims that the collaboration of the restaurants, which came amid broad discussions across the country about the implementation of the Affordable Care Act, violates California antitrust law.

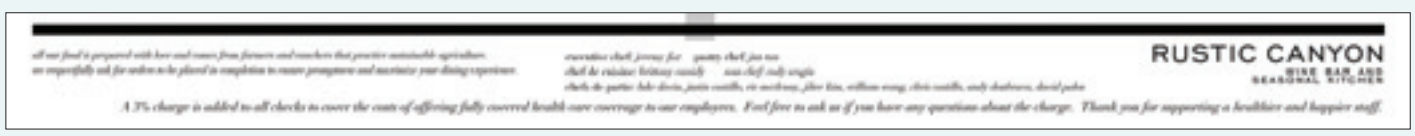
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FEE: Several local restaurants, along with others in Los Angeles, are being sued over a 3% surcharge to cover health insurance.



SMMUSD spends $10K on equity summit

BY JEFFREY I. GOODMAN
Daily Press Staff Writer

At the Santa Monica-Malibu school district's convocation last month, Pedro Noguera stood before scores of teachers and staffers and delivered a captivating, impassioned speech about closing the achievement gap.

He talked about addressing students' needs beyond the classroom, boosting accountability among educators, improving parent engagement and strengthening community relationships.

"You've got lots of goodwill, lots of creativity, lots of talent," he told the near-capacity crowd at Barnum

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FOOTBALL:

Concussion dangers hit home for Samohi

Awareness leads to increased head-injury diagnoses

BY JEFFREY I. GOODMAN
Daily Press Staff Writer

Four years ago, starting running back Kori Garcia suffered a concussion and was forced to sit out the Santa Monica High football team's game against Morningside. The following season, Vikings running back Will Taylor was sidelined for a big game against Hart after sustaining a concussion a week earlier. The season after that, lineman Noah Anderson missed a rivalry game against Beverly Hills for the same reason.

And the list goes on.

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What's Up Westside

OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA

September 3

Create-A-Craft: Optical Illusion

Create your own spinning toy optical illusion. Ocean Park Branch Library, 2601 Main St., 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.

Homework Help @ Pico Branch

Get help with your homework! This drop-in program offers a separate study area, basic supplies, and friendly volunteers to assist with homework questions. For students in grades 1-5 only. Pico Branch, 2201 Pico Blvd., 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.

Social Security Secrets: There's Still Time!

This is a program to find out what you need to do before you hit 65. This presentation is a community service seminar offered by John C. Pak, local professional financial planner who advocates and teaches financial literacy through local colleges and lifelong learning centers throughout the county. All Library programs are free and all ages are welcome. Space is limited and on a first-arrival basis. This is an event of The Living Room ...a place for adults program series. For more information, visit smpl.org or contact the Santa Monica Public Library at (310) 458-8600. The Santa Monica Public Library is wheelchair-accessible. For special disabled services, call Library Administration (310) 458-8606 one week prior to the event. Main Library, Martin Luther King Jr. Auditorium, 601 Santa Monica Blvd., 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Rent Control Board Meeting

Regular meeting of the Rent Control Board. City Hall, Council Chamber, 1685 Main St., 7 p.m.

Twilight Concert Series

Free musical concerts every Thursday night with food vendors, sponsor booths and beer/wine pavilion. For more information call (310) 458-8901 or visit www.santamonicapier.org. Santa Monica Pier, 7 - 10 p.m.

September 4

Slacklining

Enjoy a safe, fun environment to experience the sport of slacklining, an activity of balance and concentration that can be practiced by people of all ages and athletic abilities. Annenberg Community Beach House, 415 PCH, 1 - 7 p.m.

Here's Looking at Ingrid Bergman: A Centennial Celebration (Sept. 4 - 11)

Aero Theatre celebrates the centenary of Oscar-winning Swedish actress Ingrid Bergman with a seven-film retrospective in September. The festival opens Sept. 4 with a screening of Hitchcock's 1946 romantic thriller "Notorious," also starring Cary Grant as her love interest, as well as the 1982 Carl Reiner-Steve Martin comedy collaboration "Dead Men Don't Wear Plaid," which features scenes from "Notorious." Reiner will also be on hand opening night for the double bill. Cost $11 Adults/ $7 Members. Aero Theatre, 1328 Montana Ave., 7:30 p.m.

First Friday Sessions

Come enjoy an eclectic night of live music, featuring signed and unsigned local and national artist from all genres of music, including singer songwriters, funk n' soul, indie rock and anything that will make you dance and enjoy your Friday night out on the town! Check out Harvelles.com for artist line up. Cost: $10. Harvelle's Blues Club, 1432 4th St., 8 p.m.

The Mission Improvable Show @ M.I.'s Westside Comedy Theater

Mission IMPROVable is award winning, high-energy explosive improv show with lots of audience interaction.

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Montana Ave

"Labor Of Love" Fundraiser For SMC's Art Verge Study Abroad Scholarship

Mark and Lani Verge, co-owners of Art's Table, and managing partner and executive chef Mark Mittleman, are hosting a fundraiser Sept. 4-7 at their restaurant and wine bar, located at 1002 Montana Ave. Proceeds from the Labor Day Weekend Specials will benefit the Art Verge Study Abroad Scholarship Fund, which provides grants of $500 to selected students taking part in SMC's Winter Study Abroad Programs.

Mark Biedlingmaier, a geography and environmental studies major who is student manager for the SMC Organic Learning Garden and a lab tech assistant at the SMC Greenhouse, was one of the 10 students who received a Verge grant for the Winter 2015 Study Abroad Program to South Africa. "The grant to further my development as a global citizen was such an honor," said Biedlingmaier. "It freed me up to truly immerse myself in a different culture and society, and helped widen my perspective on humanity in ways that wouldn't - and couldn't - have happened from just studying books in a classroom."

The Verges and Chef Mittleman launched the Art Verge Study Abroad Scholarship Fund in 2014 to encourage SMC students to travel and study in other countries. "The study abroad grants are awarded in memory of Mark Verge's father, Dr. Art Verge," said SMC Foundation Interim President Lizzy Moore. "He taught California and Latin American history at SMC for more than 40 years and helped pioneer our study abroad programs." Chef Mittleman enthused, "Art's Table is honored to partner with the SMC Foundation and support what Dr. Verge helped start. He loved people, exploring cultures and communities and opening minds and the world of immersive travel to students."

For more information about the Art Verge Study Abroad Scholarship Fund, please contact the Santa Monica College Foundation at 310-434-4215 or visit http://santamonicacollegefoundation.org. To learn more about SMC's Study Abroad programs, visit www.smc.edu/studyabroad.

- SUBMITTED BY GRACE SMITH

Citywide

UCLA Santa Monica Breast Center gets nearly $100,000

L.A. Beats Cancer has awarded UCLA Santa Monica Breast Center with nearly $100,000 generated at its inaugural fundraiser, Cocktails for a Cure. L.A. Beats Cancer (www.LABeatsCancer.org) was formed to raise funds to support research saving lives otherwise lost to or threatened by the epidemic of breast cancer, to continue the legacy of Liz Smagala Tate.

"We are so thankful to the hundreds who turned out in so many ways to support us," said Phil Tate, president and founder of L.A. Beats Cancer. "These precious funds will support critical research and lab equipment that ultimately save lives... like Liz's."

In honor of his late wife Liz Smagala Tate, in what would have been her 40th birthday month, Tate hosted Cocktails for a Cure at Hyde lounge on Sunset Boulevard in Hollywood on Aug. 17. In space generously donated by title sponsor SBE, nearly 250 supporters gathered with donors, corporate partners, officials and families touched by cancer to celebrate life. City Controller Ron Galperin attended along with other Los Angeles officials and representatives of leading companies, including sponsors Kilroy Realty, Liner LLP, and HMS Host.

The crowd watched remarks taped by Mayor Eric Garcetti and L.A. Beats Cancer debuted its own video telling the story of the origin of the organization and what it hopes to achieve.

Through ticket sales, sponsorships and a lively auction, the event brought in nearly $100,000, bringing the total raised by L.A. Beats Cancer in the last year to more than $120,000 - all of which is awarded to UCLA Santa Monica Breast Center, where Smagala Tate was treated. Earlier, in 2013, Phil and his wife Liz raised another $16,000 for cancer research performed at research institutions across Los Angeles, making L.A. Beats Cancer's all-time fundraising total more than $136,000.

- SUBMITTED BY ERICA LEPPING

Citywide

Arrest made in suspicious package/ burglary case

On August 28, at approximately 4:29 a.m., a window smash, commercial burglary occurred at the Verizon Wireless Store located at 1322 3rd Street.

Prior to the time of the burglary, the Santa Monica Police Department (SMPD) received two false reports of an emergency. Several attempts to reach the caller were unsuccessful. No crime or reporting party was located on either instance. The phone used for the fictitious 911 calls was later found to be associated with the identified burglary suspect at the Verizon Wireless Store; Equonne Howard, a resident of Los Angeles.

Also on August 28, at approximately 10:15 a.m., SMPD officers responded to a suspicious package call in the area of 12th Street and California Avenue. Officers arrived and located a shoe box wrapped with brown duct tape emitting a 'humming' noise on the roof of a vehicle parked in an open carport. The Los Angeles County Arson and Explosives Detail responded and determined that the box contained an improvised explosive device (IED) comprised of caustic materials. The device was transported to an off-site location and rendered safe.

Based on investigative leads and evidence developed by Santa Monica Police Detectives and the Santa Monica Police Department's Forensics Unit, the false report calls, the commercial burglary and the placement of the destructive device were linked and traced back to suspect Howard who was subsequently taken into custody. A search warrant at his residence yielded additional evidence. The case has been presented to the Los Angeles District Attorney's Office for criminal filing.

Anyone with information regarding this crime is asked to contact Detective B. Cooper at (310) 458-8478, Sergeant M. Fine at (310) 458-8959 or the Watch Commander (24 hours) at (310) 458-2249.

- SUBMITTED BY SERGEANT RUDY CAMARENA

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Mission IMPROVable is a nine time nominee for Comedy Act of the Year, 2011 Winner of that award. They are the 2012 National Entertainer of the Year winners. They've also performed as part of Lollapalooza and on Disney's cruise ship. Cost: $10. Westside Comedy Theater, 1323-A Third Street Promenade, 10 p.m.

September 5

Saturday Certified Farmer's Market

Fresh seasonal produce sold direct by California's farmers! Parking for the market is available in the lot along Pico Blvd., at meters along Pico Blvd. or adjacent to Virginia Park in the parking lot on north/east corner of Pico and Cloverfield. Virginia Avenue Park, 8 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Santa Monica Certified Farmers Market

The Saturday Downtown Farmers Market, also known as the Organic Market, opened in May 1991. As Santa Monica's second CFM, it had a different mission to fulfill. With the passage of the California Organic Foods Act of 1990, consumers were eager for more organic produce and another market for weekend shopping. The Organic Market boasts the largest percentage of Certified Organic growers of the City's four markets. 2nd St. at Arizona Ave., 8:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Ocean Park Book Group

A Monthly Meeting of the Ocean Park Book Group. Meets the 1st Saturday of the Month. Open to All. No Registration Required. September title: "Dora Bruder" by Patrick Modiano. Ocean Park Branch Library, 2601 Main St., 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Almost Perfect

Buddy falls for the perfect girl of his dreams. One small problem... he's married to Jenny. We watch his hilarious, guilt-ridden affair 'til he finally realizes his perfect dream girl is Jenny, his wife. General admission: $29.50; Students, teachers, seniors, military: $24.50; Groups of 8 or more $18.50. Santa Monica Playhouse - The Other Space, 1211 4th St., 7:30 - 9:45 p.m.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Housing priorities

Editor:

I certainly don't understand who the City Council is being directed by or whether the members are just pursuing their own personal agenda, but I do not know of anyone who supports any additional affordable housing and absolutely not any through using public funds. We are all tired of traffic and paying higher taxes to allow new non Santa Monica residents to move here at our expense. Let us try to make it more affordable for those of us who have been here for many years and not have higher taxes.

The idea of raising TOT or other business taxes is also ridiculous. The City is going to kill our hospitality industry with increased minimum wages and potentially higher taxes. I thought not too long ago the Council was concerned about affordable hotel rooms. Well this will certainly not achieve that goal. In reality,TOT revenue would probably decrease with less people staying here as a result of higher costs.

If the City really wants three goals, then they should have picked the ones that everyone I've come across have: (1) reduce traffic, (2) increase safety/reduce homeless, (3) affordability for existing home owners and businesses.

When was the last time we actually tried to reduce the cost of living here for a home owner? The focus always seems to be on making this an inexpensive place for people who do not even currently live here.

Brad Brenner
Santa Monica





Culture Watch

Sarah A. Spitz — Send comments to editor@smdp.com

A Guy Walks into a Starbucks

IF YOU LIKE YOUR STAGE PLAYS TIGHT AS a drum and sitcom funny, then you'll love "Café Society" at The Odyssey Theatre in West Los Angeles.

Written by author and Emmy Award-winning TV writer Peter Lefcourt and directed by his wife, Teri Hanauer whose credits include film, TV and stage, this Santa Monica Canyon-based couple set their fast-paced commentary about our overly-connected life in a Starbucks.

It's a typical day with people drinking their coffee and absorbed in their personal lives in a nominally communal setting, eyes cast down upon their hand-held devices, phones, tablets and laptops.

The polished cast is a tight-knit ensemble whose well-choreographed moves are blocked smartly and the action flows naturally onstage.

The characters include an actress waiting for an audition call-back, a screenwriter focused on "the human condition," a realtor in the midst of closing a big deal who's meeting an online blind date, the wealth manager who was supposed to meet her but gets sidelined, the kindly, sympathetic barista and the crazy eccentric homeless guy who used to be a wealthy CEO. Their situation gets complicated when a hoodie-wearing malcontent walks in with a bowling bag claiming to have a bomb.

The set is impressive; it's Starbucks down to the nitty-gritty details including the menu and prices for lattes and frappucinos. The texts and Facebook posts being sent by the characters and the screenplay as it's being written are projected on the same boards as the menu. Slick and professional define the staging.

So what's wrong? Essentially this is a play about nothing. While its claims to be a commentary on how technology is driving our lives, and how strangers can band together to defuse a tense situation, "Café Society" undermines its own message by making the "bomber" a guy who's merely distressed about a bad turn in his relationship.

He comes in demanding to talk to Howard Schultz, the CEO of Starbucks while railing about corporate dominance and the loss of local small businesses and individual control, but he ends up merely being a schnook who's trying to prove to his girlfriend that he's capable of taking action, not just complaining, misguided though that action may be.

The usual kind of wham-bam buildup gives us just enough information about the characters to decide who's a good guy, who's there for romance, who's there to act the part of the hero and to learn what individual dramas each character is going through. There's just enough lip service paid to the bomber's complaints about the over-corporatization of our culture to make it feel briefly genuine.

But the clichéd "turn it into a viral/media event then make it a movie with star casting" trope just made this feel like a paint-by-the-numbers formula to me; at its heart, there's no 'there' there.

That doesn't mean it isn't laugh out loud funny; I just found it empty. If your goal is entertainment, you'll find it here. "Café Society" plays at The Odyssey Theatre through Oct. 11. Find out more at www.odysseytheatre.com.

ALL HAIL HALE!

There's a small gallery in the Edgemar Complex that brings local and affordable art within reach of the masses. haleArts Space often holds limited-run exhibitions of artists whose works you can pick up for as little as $100.

Well this week, Michael Hale, the mastermind behind the gallery, will be exhibiting his own work, with a reception on Friday, Sept. 4 from 5 to 8 p.m.; his art will be on view and available for purchase through Sept. 16.

Hale is an LA native and an award-winning interior designer, artist and founder of the four-year-old haleARTS Space, whose goal is to provide a platform for local emerging artists to create a community and providing a forum for them with local collectors and art lovers.

Hale's own work incorporates neon and other transparent materials, combined with text to create irony, humor, puns and messages delivered in a soft, ethereal glow of light.

For details visit www.halearts.com. The gallery is located at 2443 Main St.

MODERN DAY MOLIERE

I'll be attending this production next week; City Garage continues its tradition of ribald, contemporary versions of Moliere's classic comedies with the world premiere of a new take on his masterpiece about religious hypocrisy, "Tartuffe," translated by director Frederique Michel and adapted by her long-time collaborator Charles Duncombe.

"Tartuffe, a Reality Show!" takes place in a Beverly Hills mansion, where the head of the house takes in a homeless hustler who pretends to be a pious preacher. Family members see through this con man until they too are seduced. Will he succeed in getting them to sign over all their worldly goods?

Opens Friday, Sept. 11 at City Garage, located at Bergamot Station. Click on citygarage.org for tickets and details.

BOXED IN

Coming soon to the Kirk Douglas Theatre in Culver City is an unusual production called "The Object Lesson," and I'll be your eyes and ears at this one, too.

From the press materials, "The Object Lesson" is written and performed by actor/illusionist/inventor Geoff Sobelle, who transforms the theatre space into an epic storage facility with 3000 boxes stacked to the ceiling. Audiences are free to roam and poke through the clutter in this immersive theatrical installation that unpacks our relationship to everyday objects.

It opens on Sept. 9, with previews beginning this Friday, and will run through Oct. 4. For more visit www.centertheatregroup.org.

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Tales From Hi De Ho Comics

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Growing Pains: How Hi De Ho Comics put me in the hospital

A COUPLE OF WEEKS AGO I WAS DRIVING to my 9-5 job, different from Hi De Ho Comics when I realized that part of my head and face were numb. It was peculiar that I didn't think more of it at the time. Considering that I was also tingling along the right side of my body, it could have easily been a stroke, but I brushed it off and continued on to work. After a few hours of hoping that the feeling would get better, it in fact got worse. I knew I had to get myself to a doctor.

It's not a coincidence that that week was when we were making the single biggest decision since we took over the comic book store in November of 2014. It was an unlikely store model. We became the proprietors of the comic book side, while the prior owner continued his gaming business across the store from us.

The store brain trust had all discussed what would happen if at some point the opportunity to buy the other half of the store presented itself to us. It seemed like an unlikelihood at best. However, surprisingly, the decision would have to be made sooner than any of us could anticipate. We were given notice that if we wanted to buy out the gaming side, the time would be now.

It's not a small thing to take on ANOTHER 2,000 square feet. It immediately means double the rent, which waits for no man, extra employees, extra work and a new table of bills. Eventually, we decided to do it. Better to be in charge of the fate of the entire store than to sit by and watch someone else try and possibly fail - where would that put us? On the street, most likely.

As our responsibilities went up, so did my blood pressure, which (as it turns out) was the cause of my numbness. High stress and lots of it, coupled with a physique not unlike what you would expect from a comic shop owner, put me in the hospital.

Before I knew it I was hooked up to an EKG, was getting my blood drawn, had my blood pressure taken about 15 separate times. The doctor came back with the news for me and started it with a line worthy of a comic book. "Mr. Machuca - What good is this comic book empire that you are seeking to build if you won't be alive to see it?"

Even now, writing the words out, hits like a dagger in the heart. Here I am, not even 30 years old yet. My first real acknowledgement of my mortality.

It is often said that the key to success it to find what it is you're good at, what it is you love doing and combining the two. It's not as simple as that. I love what I do, but it was clear that I was loving it more than I was loving myself. With lifestyle changes, I'll be the muscle-bound superhero I know I can be. But for now, I'm just the dumpy reporter who can't seem to get out of his way.

To learn more about all things comic books, visit Hi De Ho Comics, 1431 Lincoln Blvd., in Santa Monica.

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CONCUSSION

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Head injuries don't just happen at Samohi, and they don't just happen in football, and in recent years they have sparked grave concerns among athletes, coaches, parents, leagues, governing bodies and sports communities across the country.

With the arrival of the 2015 football season, CIF Southern Section Commissioner Rob Wigod is again stressing the importance of following concussion protocols and educating players and staff about the safety measures in place.

"The emphasis remains on health and safety," Wigod said in a phone interview last week. "We want to encourage everyone to be aware of concussion symptoms, and players must be evaluated before they return to play."

Increased awareness of head injuries, particularly in football, has led to a spike in concussion diagnoses.

Some 400,000 brain injuries occurred in high school athletics during the 2008-2009 school year, according to statistics published by the Youth Sports Safety Alliance.

Concussions accounted for 24.6 percent of high school sports injuries in 2014-2015, up dramatically from 8.4 percent in 2006-2007, according to data compiled through the National High School Sports Injury Surveillance System.

"Concussion rates continue to rise, but more injured athletes are being diagnosed promptly and managed properly," R. Dawn Comstock, a University of Colorado researcher who oversees the injury surveillance system, said in a 2013 report on high school sports injuries.

Concussions are typically caused by bumps, jolts or blows to the head and can happen without an athlete losing consciousness, according to the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Symptoms can include headaches, dizziness, nausea, vomiting, sensitivity to light or noise, sleep problems and difficulty concentrating, among others.

"Return to play" concussion protocols are in place for football and other sports at Samohi and high schools across the section. After being diagnosed with a concussion, a student must advance through several stages of evaluation before entering competition. The minimum duration away from competition is seven days, Wigod said.

"If they don't progress, it may take longer," he said.

Wigod added that it's important for teammates, coaches, parents and officials to be on the lookout for signs of possible concussions and err on the side of caution.

"Anyone who suspects a student to have a concussion or symptoms is to have that person removed immediately," he said.

In addition, Wigod said, additional training is now in place for coaches regarding sudden cardiac arrest.

Meanwhile, a state bill signed into law last year sets limits on full-contact practices for middle and high school football programs.

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"There was a lot of talk about Obamacare, but not a lot of focus on the fact that they agreed to do it in unison," said attorney Daniel Sterrett, whose San Francisco-based firm filed the suit on behalf of restaurant patron Margaret Imhoff. "That's the core of the case. You cannot get with your competitors and agree to raise or change prices."

The plaintiff is seeking an end to the surcharge practice as well as monetary damages exceeding $25,000 and a jury trial, according to the complaint.

Loeb, reached Wednesday morning, said he had heard about the complaint but would not comment on the allegations. Citrin declined to comment, according to a spokeswoman. Lentz, through a spokeswoman, also declined to comment Wednesday.

Last year, Loeb reached out to "like-minded" restaurant owners about working together on a plan to pay for employees' health care coverage, according to the complaint and multiple media reports.

"It looked like we weren't going to have to do it but we looked at each other and said, 'This is something we want to do,'" Loeb told the Daily Press last September. "We want to be able to grow up as a restaurant. The well-being of our staff is an incredibly important thing for us."

Loeb also said at the time that implementing a 3 percent surcharge instead of raising menu prices was part of an effort to be more transparent to customers.

Banding together on a surcharge kept any of the participating restaurants from being at a competitive disadvantage, the suit alleges.

"We decided it would be a good thing to do it as a group," Citrin, of Melisse, told the Los Angeles Times last year. "Usually when lots of people do things it's easier to make change."

Sterrett, the attorney, said he was approached by the plaintiff and investigated the matter to determine whether a legally sound case could be built.

He noted that there are several other restaurants in the Los Angeles area with health care surcharges, but they are not named in the suit because he doesn't have evidence that they conspired with competitors.

Sterrett added that he thinks the fee works against restaurant workers who receive tips.

"People tend to reduce their tips when they see this surcharge," he said. "We believe it's actually taking money out of the employees' pockets."

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EQUITY

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Hall on the campus of Santa Monica High School. "It's about sharing responsibility. It's when we have shared responsibility that we get movement."

It had already been determined that Noguera, a renowned sociologist and educator, would receive up to $110,000 from the district for his work as a consultant through the end of the calendar year.

But the consent calendar reviewed by the Board of Education at its regular meeting Wednesday night revealed that $10,000 of the aforementioned sum was designated for Noguera's role as keynote speaker at the district convocation.

District spokeswoman Gail Pinsker noted that the money was not just for the morning speech. Noguera spent the rest of the day leading workshops for teachers and administrators and meeting with school board members, she said.

The $10,000 also covered lodging, transportation and meal costs, according to the contract, a copy of which was reviewed by the Daily Press.

SMMUSD officials have stressed that Noguera, who was recently appointed to the UCLA education faculty after a stint at New York University, has worked with schools across the country to address the needs of low-income and minority students and improve race relations.

And they have anxiously awaited his arrival.

Over the past two decades, none of the district's efforts "have produced significant or sustainable improvements in academic outcomes for African American and Latino students in the school district," reads a proposal that outlines Noguera's scope of work.

Noguera and three assistants are tasked with interviewing stakeholders about previous equity efforts, reviewing documents related to past and current strategies, visiting classrooms "to assess the culture of each school" and conducting focus groups with faculty members, parents and students.

A plan with recommendations for how to address disparities will be presented to the school board in January.

The proposal estimates that the work of Noguera's team will cost the district $90,700.

Many locals have expressed support for the district's forthcoming partnership with Noguera, although several have criticized the contract.

One Santa Monica resident, Gary Clouse, called the allocated $110,000 an exorbitant amount, especially considering Noguera is working concurrently at UCLA.

Debra Shepherd, a former chair of the district's advisory committee on special education, questioned the ability of a consultant to improve race relations.

"I'm unsure about how anything is going to change until there is an ability to have honest conversations about what really happens in the District," she wrote. "All the professional development in the world will not change the attitudes of people who have disdain for people of color."

The district's collaboration with Noguera comes as racial tensions flare locally and across the country. This past spring, an SMMUSD middle school student was suspended after calling a cafeteria worker a racial slur, according to a quarterly district report on "hate-motivated behavior."

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WINNERS

Photo by Randy Capin

Santa Monica High beach volleyball players Tyler Logan and John Schwengel won the 16-and-under California Beach Volleyball Association's Cal Cup this weekend in Hermosa Beach. The Vikings will soon begin their inaugural season.

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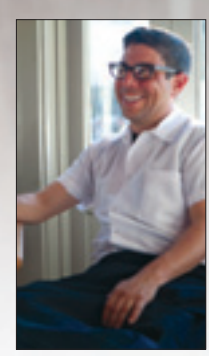
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DESIGN

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disciplinary creative processes into the conception of renewable energy infrastructure.

Past contests were specifically aimed at professionals and while the organization will hold a professional contest as well, they wanted to respond to what they've seen as a strong interest by youth.

"In the past, it's always been open to university students, and it wasn't student based, but we had great participation," said LAGI Director Elizabeth Monoian. "We thought it was time for us to start reaching out to young people."

Winners will be awarded $6,000 ($3,000 Middle School Prize and $3,000 High School Prize) and all submissions will be in exhibitions and a printed publication.

To win, students will have to develop a diverse skill set.

"Participating students will demonstrate their skills in composition and invention, and incorporate their understanding of renewable energy technology, science, and math by estimating the annual electrical output of their installations," reads the competition announcement. "The entire process is free online at www.youth.landartgenerator.org. The Design Brief, Toolkit, and all supporting presentations and materials are there for download. The submission process is also online and consists of uploading three image files and one written document. Participants are encouraged to design in two and three dimensions and to take photographs of their physical model/prototype and/or use 3D modeling software (optional) if it is available."

The submission process is open through May 15, 2016.

Dean Kubani, Director of Santa Monica's Office of Sustainability and the Environment, said the City was happy to lend its support to the project.

"It's a great fit," he said. "The Pier is a really interesting location, it allows designers to look at ways to generate sustainable energy from not just the sun but wind which we have plenty of and wave energy on the coast here."

LAGI Director Robert Ferry said this will be the first contest to look at a coastal environment.

"We've covered different types of land use but a shoreline is one that we haven't done yet," he said. "It's a new opportunity to work with different technology. We are also are responding to the drought, adding to the design brief to clean electricity and/or potable water, also creatively using different types of technology. Water from air or (desalination), and coming up for ideas for that that are interesting."

While their Santa Monica contest is for a hypothetical piece, the group has had success actually constructing work in other areas.

"The one we're in development with now is in Pittsburgh and came from a design submitted in our 2010 competition," said Ferry.

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- Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 5/19

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LOCATION	DRY	WET
Leo Carrillo Beach, at Arroyo Sequit Creek mouth.	A+	A+
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	A+
El Pescador State Beach, between Lachusa and Los Alisos creeks.		
Encinal Canyon at El Matador State Beach.	A+	A+
Broad Beach at Trancas Creek mouth.	B	A+
Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth.	A+	A+
Walnut Creek, projection of Wildlife Rd. (private).	A+	F
Paradise Cove Pier at Ramirez Canyon Creek mouth.	F	A+
Escondido Creek, just east of Escondido State Beach.	A+	F
Latigo Canyon Creek mouth.	F	A+
Solstice Canyon at Dan Blocker County Beach.	A+	D
Puerco State Beach at creek mouth.	A+	A+
Marie Canyon storm drain at Puerco Beach, at 21572 Malibu Rd..	A+	F
Surfrider Beach at Malibu Colony fence.	A+	F
Surfrider Beach (broach location)- daily.	A	F
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east.	ns	F
Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon.	A+	F
Las Flores State Beach at Las Flores Creek (point zero).	A+	A+
Big Rock Beach at 19948 PCH stairs.	A+	A+
Pena Creek at Las Tunas County Beach.	A+	F
Tuna Canyon.	ns	ns
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth.	A	B
Castlerock Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	ns	ns
Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	B	F
Will Rogers State Beach at 17200 PCH (1/4 mile east of Sunset drain).	B	A+

LOCATION	DRY	WET
Will Rogers State Beach at Bel Air Bay Club drain near fence.	A+	A+
Will Rogers State Beach at Pulga Canyon storm drain.	A	F
Will Rogers State Beach at Temescal Canyon drain.	A+	A+
Will Rogers State Beach at Santa Monica Canyon drain (Chautauqua).	B	B
Santa Monica Beach at Montana Ave. drain.	A+	A+
Santa Monica Beach at Wilshire Blvd. drain.	A+	F
Santa Monica Municipal Pier.	C	C
Santa Monica Beach at Pico/Kenter storm drain.	A	D
Santa Monica Beach at Strand St. (in front of the restrooms).	A+	A+
Ocean Park Beach at Ashland Ave. drain.	A+	B
Venice City Beach, at the Rose Ave. storm drain.	A+	F
Venice Beach at Brooks Ave. drain.	A+	A+
Venice Beach at Windward Ave. drain.	A	F
Venice Fishing Pier - 50 yards south.	F	A+
Venice Beach- projection of Topsail St..	A+	D
Marina del Rey, Mothers' Beach- lifeguard tower.	F	B
Dockweiler State Beach at Ballona Creek mouth.	ns	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at Culver Blvd. drain.	A	F
North Westchester Storm Drain at Dockweiler State Beach.	B	B
Dockweiler State Beach at World Way (south of D&W jetty).	A+	A+
Dockweiler State Beach at Imperial Hwy drain.	A+	F
Dockweiler Beach- opposite Hyperion Treatment Plant.	A+	A+
Dockweiler State Beach at Grand Ave. drain.	A+	A+

LEGEND

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ns -- no sample taken

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Man Pleads in Taxicab Carjacking Case

A man was sentenced Sept. 2 to 15 years in state prison after pleading guilty to carjacking a taxicab near Los Angeles International Airport and leading police on a high-speed chase, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Derrick Bogar, 36, entered his plea to three counts of carjacking and one count each of fleeing a pursuing police officer's motor vehicle, administering a drug and first-degree robbery.

Bogar was charged with three separate carjacking incidents that all occurred in April. He carjacked two different cabs parked at LAX on April 7 and on April 8.

He also carjacked a taxicab driver on April 10 near the airport. Before the driver was able to escape, Bogar forced him to smoke a cigarette laced with a drug.

Bogar fled and police pursued him for two hours before Los Angeles police SWAT officers stopped the car and arrested him.

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DAILY POLICE LOG

The Santa Monica Police Department responded to 371 calls for service on Sept. 01.

HERE IS A SAMPLING OF THOSE CALLS CHOSEN BY THE SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS STAFF.

Construction noise 1500 block of Princeton 2:49 a.m.
Indecent exposure 500 block of Colorado 2:54 a.m.
Living in a vehicle 9th/Washington 3:42 a.m.
Prowler 200 block of Santa Monica 4:40 a.m.
Battery 2700 block of Barnard 5:34 a.m.
Construction noise 1300 block of Ocean Park 7:16 a.m.
Grand theft auto 2100 block of Ocean 7:25 a.m.
Battery 2000 block of Lincoln 7:36 a.m.
Bike theft 300 block of Broadway 7:38 a.m.
Traffic accident 1900 block of Pico 8:05 a.m.
Traffic accident 2000 block of Olympic 8:28 a.m.
Vehicle with excessive parking tickets 2700 block of 23rd 9:32 a.m.
Burglary 1300 block of 17th 9:35 a.m.
Petty theft 1300 block of 2nd 9:48 a.m.
Petty theft 1800 block of ocean 9:51 a.m.
Grand theft auto 2600 block of Lincoln 10:29 a.m.
Petty theft 1800 block of Ocean 10:30 a.m.
Petty theft 800 block of 6th 10:38 a.m.
Petty theft 2500 block of 6th 10:57 a.m.
Identity theft 1900 block of 11th 11:14 a.m.
Traffic accident 1800 block of Colorado 11:26 a.m.
Speeding Ocean/Colorado 11:59 a.m.
Grand theft auto 2600 block of Lincoln 12 p.m.
Vandalism 2400 block of Santa Monica 12:02 p.m.
Battery 1600 block of 11th 12:05 p.m.
Assault w/deadly weapon 1300 block of 2nd 12:07 p.m.
Grand theft 600 block of 10th 12:10 p.m.
Silent robbery alarm 400 block of Santa Monica 12:11 p.m.
Battery 2000 block of 14th 12:12 p.m.
Person with a gun 1600 block of 4th 12:21 p.m.
Identity theft 2800 block of Neilson 12:27 p.m.
Speeding 1700 block of Ocean 12:48 p.m.
Speeding 11th/Colorado 12:50 p.m.
Theft of recyclables 1300 block of 7th 1:14 p.m.
Fight 1500 block of 14th 1:37 p.m.
Burglary 1700 block of Ocean 1:43 p.m.
Petty theft 2400 block of Pico 2:08 p.m.
Burglary 1700 block of Ocean 2:09 p.m.
Petty theft 200 block of Santa Monica Pl 2:18 p.m.
Battery 600 block of Santa Monica 2:44 p.m.
Traffic accident 1100 block of Franklin 3:22 p.m.
Fraud 1700 block of 18th 3:28 p.m.
Traffic accident 5th/Santa Monica 4:02 p.m.
Vandalism 1300 block of ocean 4:04 p.m.
Traffic accident 1400 block of Montana 4:05 p.m.
Traffic accident 1100 block of Pacific Coast Hwy 4:51 p.m.
Domestic violence 900 block of 14th 5:04 p.m.
Identity theft 1500 block of Princeton 5:22 p.m.
Hit and run 1000 block of Colorado 7:31 p.m.
Panhandling 100 block of Bay 7:34 p.m.
Fraud 2700 block of Ocean Park 7:40 p.m.
Injured person 800 block of the beach 7:50 p.m.
Bike theft 0 block of Pico 8:20 p.m.
Burglary 1700 block of Ocean 8:20 p.m.
Indecent exposure 4th/Pico 8:33 p.m.
Burglary 2100 block of Montana 8:41 p.m.

DAILY FIRE LOG

The Santa Monica Fire Department responded to 33 calls for service on Sept. 1.

HERE IS A SAMPLING OF THOSE CALLS CHOSEN BY THE SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS STAFF.

Wires down 700 block of 16th 5:37 a.m.
Public assist 800 block of 19th 7:46 a.m.
EMS 1900 block of Pico 8:05 a.m.
EMS of 17th/Pearl 8:10 a.m.
Automatic alarm 1600 block of Ocean Front Walk 9:40 a.m.
Automatic alarm 1800 block of Wilshire 10:09 a.m.
EMS 1800 block of 17th 10:19 a.m.
EMS 1000 block of 7th 10:25 a.m.
EMS 2100 block of Ocean 10:28 a.m.
EMS 700 block of Ocean Park 12:04 p.m.
Elevator rescue 500 block of Pico 12:28 p.m.
Automatic alarm 1000 block of Colorado 1:08 p.m.
EMS 2000 block of Delaware 1:13 p.m.
EMS 1600 block of 7th 1:20 p.m.
Automatic alarm 700 block of Arizona 1:50 p.m.
EMS 1400 block of Montana 2:03 p.m.
Automatic alarm 300 block of Olympic 2:52 p.m.
EMS 2000 block of Santa Monica 3:36 p.m.
EMS 1900 block of Colorado 3:42 p.m.
EMS 1700 block of Cloverfield 3:42 p.m.
EMS 200 block of Santa Monica 3:53 p.m.
EMS of 5th/Santa Monica 4:03 p.m.
Odor of natural gas 1700 block of 22nd 4:57 p.m.
EMS 400 block of Palisades Beach 5:10 p.m.
Injuries from assault 900 block of 14th 5:29 p.m.
EMS 2200 block of 29th 5:56 p.m.
EMS 2200 block of Colorado 6:12 p.m.
Automatic alarm 500 block of Ocean 6:20 p.m.
EMS 1200 block of Lincoln 7:26 p.m.
EMS 2400 block of Ocean Front Walk 7:51 p.m.

CROSSWORD
By THOMAS JOSEPH

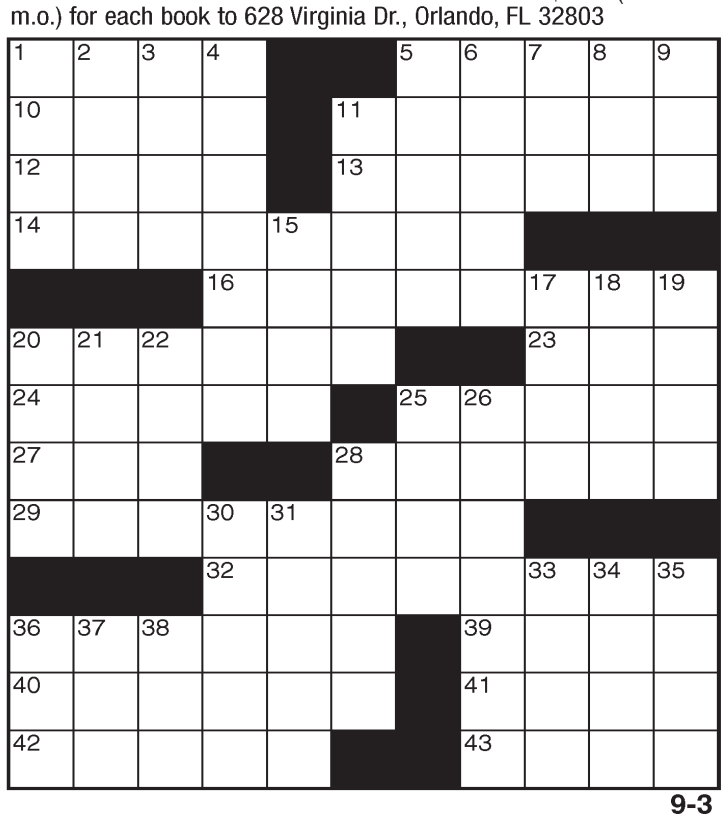
ACROSS
1 Counterfeit
5 Andorra neighbor
10 Pub orders
11 Position
12 Exploits
13 Stuck, in a way
14 Big nothing
16 Creamer variety
20 Draw out
23 Tall tale
24 Cut into cubes
25 Party dip
27 Punk rock offshoot
28 Neatnik's no-nos
29 Like some pans
32 Harmless, as paint
36 La Scala city
39 Designer Wang
40 Conjures up
41 Adam's grandson
42 Sorts
43 Crazy talk

DOWN
1 Satyr's kin
2 Not to mention
3 Enthusiastic
4 Gist
5 Flea market unit
6 Elbows on the table
7 Kitchen pest
8 Daiquiri need
9 Homer's neighbor
11 Used up
15 Nullified
17 Woes
18 Increase
19 Some votes
20 Serpent's spot
21 Prom transport
22 Clickable picture
25 Splinter group
26 Invite to one's place
28 King of Crete
30 Asp or adder
31 Musical sounds
33 TV's warrior princess
34 Pressing need
35 Play group
36 Got together
37 Vining plant
38 Cut off

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Yesterday's answer

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Sudoku

Fill in the blank cells using numbers 1 to 9. Each number can appear only once in each row, column, and 3x3 block. Use logic and process of elimination to solve the puzzle. The difficulty level ranges from (easiest) to (hardest).

Difficulty Level ★★★

			5			3	9	
		1			2			8
	6	4			9			5
7						8	2	
	4	5						6
9			2			7	8	
1			6			5		
	2	8			1			

GETTING STARTED

There are many strategies to solving Sudoku. One way to begin is to examine each 3x3 grid and figure out which numbers are missing. Then, based on the other numbers in the row and column of each blank cell, find which of the missing numbers will work. Eliminating numbers will eventually lead you to the answer.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE

6	7	9	5	4	1	2	8	3
5	3	1	8	2	6	7	9	4
2	8	4	3	7	9	5	1	6
7	6	8	9	5	4	1	3	2
9	4	2	6	1	3	8	5	7
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1	2	3	7	6	8	9	4	5
4	9	7	1	3	5	6	2	8
8	5	6	4	9	2	3	7	1

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DAILY LOTTERY

POWERBALL
Draw Date: 8/29
18 21 25 28 29
Power#: 16
Jackpot: 120M

MEGA MILLIONS
Draw Date: 9/1
2 5 35 40 54
Mega#: 13
Jackpot: 85M

SUPER LOTTO
Draw Date: 8/29
6 20 32 39 43
Mega#: 16
Jackpot: 13M

Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 9/1
3 7 20 22 35

DAILY 3
Draw Date: 9/2
MIDDAY:
Draw Date: 9/1
EVENING: 0 8 9

DAILY DERBY
Draw Date: 9/1
1st: 02 Lucky Star
2nd: 10 Solid Gold
3rd: 09 Winning Spirit
RACE TIME: 1:45.75

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WORD UP!

gubernatorial
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TODAY IN HISTORY

1878 – Over 640 die when the crowded pleasure boat Princess Alice collides with the Bywell Castle in the River Thames.

1895 – John Brallier becomes the first openly professional American football player, when he was paid US$10 by David Berry, to play for the Latrobe Athletic Association in a 12–0 win over the Jeanette Athletic Association.

1914 – William, Prince of Albania leaves the country after just six months due to opposition to his rule.

1914 – French composer Albéric Magnard is killed defending his estate against invading German soldiers.

1914 – World War I: Start of the Battle of Grand Couronné, a German assault against French positions on high ground near the city of Nancy.

1916 – World War I: Leefe Robinson destroys the German airship Schütte-Lanz SL 11 over Cuffley, north of London; the first German airship to be shot down on British soil.

1925 – USS Shenandoah, the United States' first American-built rigid airship, was destroyed in a squall line over Noble County, Ohio. Fourteen of her 42-man crew perished, including her commander, Zachary Lansdowne.

NEWS OF THE WEIRD BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ British director Missouri Williams brought an adaptation of Shakespeare's "King Lear" to the London Courtyard art facility in August for a one-week run, centered on a human actor struggling to stage the play using only sheep. The pivotal character, Lear's daughter Cordelia, famously withholds flattering Lear (thus forgoing inheriting the kingdom), and her silence forever tortures Lear -- and of course silence is something sheep pull off well. Actor Alasdair Saksena admitted there is an "element of unpredictability with the sheep," but lauded their punctuality, calmness and lack of fee demands. Williams promised another Courtyard run for "King Lear With Sheep" in the fall.

■ (1) A female Yangtze giant softshell turtle, believed to be the last female of her species, was artificially inseminated in May at Suzhou Zoo in China through the efforts of animal fertility experts from around the world. She is thought to be more than 100 years old (as was the last male to "romance" her, although their courtship produced only unfertilized eggs). (2) The Times of London reported in July that Briton Pamela Horner, seeking her "escaped" tortoise Boris (even though, as they say, he couldn't have gone far), found "tortoise porn" on YouTube (mostly, mating sounds) to play in the yard and lure him back. A tortoise expert told The Times: "They make quite a lot of noise. We can hear them groaning for miles."

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Teens Can Rock the Election



by Katharine Romefelt

Whatever your age, you can make a statement! Speaking to millions is possible for everyone through YouTube and social media. With her sweet musical "homage" to a certain presidential hopeful, 13-year-old Molly Bergman did just that. Her clever little tune "Dear Mr. Trump" has already reached close to 200,000 people.

Controversial remarks about immigrants and women have made Trump a target of many, and he's hardly couched his statements during his presidential run. His popularity among voters isn't funny anymore. Thankfully, everyone has the right to be heard in this country, not just those who scream the loudest. Thankfully, we have young Americans like Bergman who don't let a little thing like being too young to vote discourage her from having her opinions heard.

Politicians get called out by plenty of other powerful figures, but they don't have to be the only ones doing the talking. Sometimes it just takes a little courage and inventiveness. Whether it's YouTube, social media or other creative means, go find your own platform and be an active member of our democracy.

You can support Molly by visiting her channel and liking her video. Or go to Giive's Causes directory (at giive.org) to find local nonprofits that effect change.

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Be available tonight, Leo

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★ Normally, you fly with a new idea. Today, however, you are like a stick in the mud. You might note that some people will be doing double-takes because of this unusual behavior. Understand that good luck follows creative ideas. Tonight: In the whirlwind of living.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ Acknowledge differences of opinion. Not everyone will respond as you would like. If you try to coerce someone into your way of thinking, your efforts might backfire. Claim your power, but don't feel as if you must push hard to get your way. Tonight: In the limelight.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ Your sense of direction comes out in a discussion. Being more passive might be difficult, but it would be wise. You will see many alternatives, as you understand the different ideas being presented. Don't hold back if questioned. Focus on a fun project. Tonight: Accept an offer.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ Be imaginative in your choices. Don't allow another party to railroad your ideas. You know what works, and you know what you want. Though it might be nice to listen to others, remember that this is your life and these are your plans. Tonight: Where the action is.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★★ Recognize that a boss could be unusually indulgent. Is there something you need to present to this person? Now is the time. You could be exhausted by everything that is going on around you. Maintain a sense of humor, and you will be fine. Tonight: Be available.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ You might want to move forward with a project, yet someone seems to want to discuss it a little more. You could view this as a waste of time, but give this person the courtesy of presenting his or her views without you attacking them. Tonight: Make time for a loved one.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ Make it a habit to talk with people individually rather than as a group. Your interactions will be enhanced as a result, and you'll have a better sense of whether you have communicated effectively. Your effectiveness and your people skills can only benefit. Tonight: Be a duo.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ Defer to others; you have a lot on your plate. Someone will want to assume responsibility and earn a leadership position. Let this person demonstrate his or her abilities, while at the same time releasing yourself from at least one obligation. Tonight: Be optimistic. Accept an offer.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ Evaluate your responsibilities, and decide how much you need to complete. Plan accordingly, but don't put yourself on a faster track than need be. You need to slow down and schedule a doctor's appointment. Tonight: Squeeze in some exercise, if possible.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ You could be in a position where you need to relax more. Open up to new ideas, even though you'd prefer to follow a more traditional route. A little creativity is likely to spice up a lackluster concept. Tonight: Share a treat with a favorite person.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ Reach out to a child or loved one you really care about. Have a long-overdue conversation with this person. Remain thoughtful, but take care of your needs as well. You might need to have a discussion about your bottom line and boundaries. Tonight: Happiest at home.

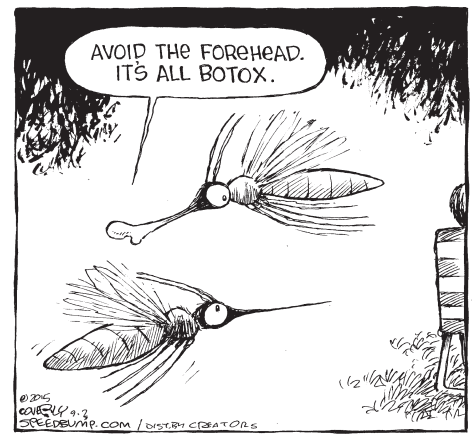
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★★ Conversations remain active and worthwhile. How you handle a problem could change quickly as the result of a conversation. In fact, you might decide that you don't have a problem. Let go and start relaxing in the company of another person. Tonight: Meet a pal for dinner.

Thursday, September 3, 2015

This year you have the unique opportunity to be introduced to many new ideas and styles. You also will experience a great amount of luck. You become less rigid and far more open-minded. As a result, you accept others more easily. If you are single, your newfound openness could be very appealing. You will experience a surge of potential loved ones. If you are attached, the two of you will plan on taking a very special trip together. During periods of stress, walk in your sweetie's shoes in order to gain understanding. TAURUS likes your practical ways.

JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS
The stars show the kind of day you'll have:
★★★★★Dynamic ★★ So-So
★★★★ Positive ★ Difficult
★★★ Average

Speed Bump By Dave Coverly



Strange Brew By John Deering



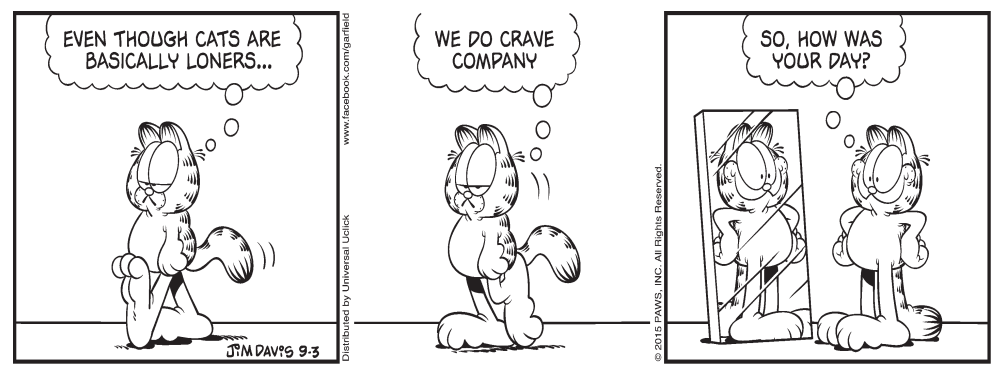
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By Mick and Mason Mastroianni



Garfield

By Jim Davis



The Meaning of Lila

By John Forgetta & L.A. Rose



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